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SUMMARY OF SURVEY OF AGES AND FORMAL EDUCATION OF 9,119 MEMBERS OF HOME DEMONSTRATION GROUPS
IN 11 EASTERN STATES, AND AVERAGE YEARS OF ATTENDANCE AT HOME DEMONSTRATION MEETINGS

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
State	No. of rec-ords	% under 30 years	% 30 to 39	% 40 to 49	% 50 to 59	% 60 and over	% 40 and over	% 50 and over	% Grammar School only or less	% Some High School	% Some Normal	% Some College	Average no. of years at-tended home demonstration meetings
CONN.	199	26.1	21.1	30.7	12.1	10.0	52.8	22.1	30.6	45.7	13.1	10.6	3.6
DEL.	242	4.6	19.0	31.8	27.7	16.9	76.4	44.6	41.3	42.6	9.5	6.6	6.0
MAINE	1,385	12.2	21.8	26.7	23.0	16.3	66.0	39.2	25.5	53.9	15.4	5.2	7.1
MD.	707	10.3	24.5	24.5	24.7	16.0	65.2	40.7	45.1	36.9	9.8	8.2	8.5
MASS.	886	13.7	34.8	30.8	15.1	5.6	51.6	20.8	18.8	56.9	13.3	11.0	1.7
N.H.	757	8.2	21.1	28.7	22.2	19.8	70.7	42.0	26.3	54.0	13.2	6.5	9.7
N.J.	567	12.7	40.9	32.5	9.3	4.6	46.4	13.9	19.4	50.4	14.3	15.9	3.0
PA.	275	22.2	20.4	26.2	21.8	9.4	57.4	31.3	42.2	36.7	14.6	6.5	3.0
R.I.	275	13.8	35.3	28.4	16.7	5.8	50.9	22.5	32.4	57.8	4.0	5.8	4.6
VT.	490	11.0	21.6	31.7	21.0	14.7	67.3	35.7	36.7	47.8	10.2	5.3	4.4
W.VA.	2,836	17.8	26.7	26.2	18.5	10.8	55.6	29.4	50.7	23.9	13.3	12.1	6.2
Total	9,119												
11-State average		13.9	26.1	28.9	19.3	11.8	60.0	31.1	33.5	46.1	11.9	8.5	5.2

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SURVEY OF 9,119 HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB MEMBERS IN 11 EASTERN STATES. PERCENTAGE LIVING ON FARMS,
PERCENTAGE OF OWNERS, PERCENTAGE OF RENTERS; PERCENTAGE WHOSE INCOME IS LARGELY FROM
FARM, AND PERCENTAGE WHOSE INCOME IS ONLY PARTLY FROM FARM.

State	1 Number of records	2						3	
		Home demonstration club mems. live on farm						Members do not live on farm	
		Percent living on farm	Percent owner	Percent renter	Income		Percent who do not live on farm	Percent whose income is partly from farm	
Connecticut	199	46.7	89.2	10.8	32.3	41.9	55.3	9.4	
Delaware	242	54.1	63.4	36.6	71.8	28.2	45.9	13.5	
Maine	1,885	64.1	92.1	7.9	77.9	19.0	35.9	28.2	
Maryland	707	46.0	74.8	25.2	50.5	49.5	54.0	9.7	
Massachusetts	886	26.9	77.3	22.7	18.9	55.9	73.1	5.7	
New Hampshire	757	64.1	89.3	10.7	40.8	59.0	35.9	16.5	
New Jersey	567	21.2	76.7	23.3	57.5	28.3	78.8	3.8	
Pennsylvania	275	59.3	85.3	14.7	39.4	46.1	40.0	6.4	
Rhode Island	275	23.6	78.5	21.5	24.6	75.4	76.4	4.3	
Vermont	490	52.0	87.1	12.9	62.8	37.2	48.0	8.9	
West Virginia	2,836	65.0	84.7	15.3	57.3	42.7	35.0	18.9	
Total	9,119								
11-State average		47.5	81.6	18.4	48.5	43.9	52.4	11.4	

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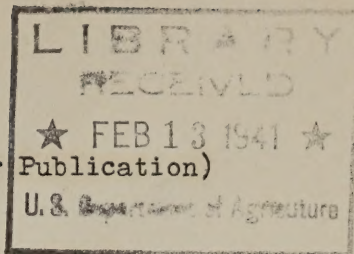
No.	Name	Sex	Measurements				Weight	Remarks
			Length	Wing	Tail	Culmen		
1	Male	♂	180	110	80	15	120	
2	Female	♀	170	105	75	14	110	
3	Male	♂	185	115	85	16	125	
4	Female	♀	175	110	80	15	115	
5	Male	♂	190	120	90	17	130	
6	Female	♀	180	115	85	16	120	
7	Male	♂	195	125	95	18	135	
8	Female	♀	185	120	90	17	125	
9	Male	♂	200	130	100	19	140	
10	Female	♀	190	125	95	18	130	
11	Male	♂	205	135	105	20	145	
12	Female	♀	195	130	100	19	135	
13	Male	♂	210	140	110	21	150	
14	Female	♀	200	135	105	20	140	
15	Male	♂	215	145	115	22	155	
16	Female	♀	205	140	110	21	145	
17	Male	♂	220	150	120	23	160	
18	Female	♀	210	145	115	22	150	
19	Male	♂	225	155	125	24	165	
20	Female	♀	215	150	120	23	155	

These birds were collected in the State of New York, during the summer of 1907.

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SURVEY OF 9,119 HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB MEMBERS
IN 11 NORTHEASTERN STATES*

In 1940 Home Demonstration workers in 11 Northeastern States assisted in making a survey of 9,119 home demonstration club members - obtaining information regarding their ages, education, whether they live on farms or in towns, whether they are owners or renters, and whether their incomes are largely from the farm or from other sources.

A summary of information on these points is attached. A study of these figures raises many interesting questions.

AGES OF HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB MEMBERS: The summary shows that almost 1/3 of the members (31 percent) were more than 50 years old, while 60 percent were more than 40. A similar summary released in 1937 indicated that 54 percent of the women were over 40. Each home demonstration leader will no doubt wish to compare 1940 figures for her State with those for the 1937 summary (attached) and to analyze this apparent trend toward a larger percentage of older women. Home demonstration leaders will know whether the sample taken in the 1940 study is representative of the whole membership in their respective States.

EDUCATION OF HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB MEMBERS: Approximately 1/3 of the members studied (33.5 percent) have had grammar school education only, or less. Almost 1/2 (46.1 percent) have had some high school education, while 1/5 (20.4 percent) have had some normal school or college training. Since it is usually easier to get women with high school and college training to join home demonstration groups than women with less education, the question arises: "How can the Extension Service bring more of those women with less than eighth grade education into direct contact with home demonstration work?"

PERCENTAGE OF HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB MEMBERS LIVING ON FARMS: PERCENTAGE OWNERS: PERCENTAGE OF RENTERS: PERCENTAGE OF THOSE WHOSE INCOME IS LARGELY FROM: The summary indicates that less than 1/2 of the members (47.5 percent) live on farms. Of these, less than 1/2 (48.5 percent) get their incomes largely from the farm. More than 4/5 (81.6 percent) of the farm homemakers live on farms owned by their families. Less than 1/5 (18.4 percent) are renters. Is this a true picture of home demonstration club membership in the Northeastern States? Should definite steps be taken to influence more farm women? In such an effort what changes need to be made in present teaching procedures and teaching materials? Would it require a greatly increased amount of time of home demonstration agents to reach the more isolated and low income farm families? Can news stories and circular letters be used to this end to a greater extent than at present?

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